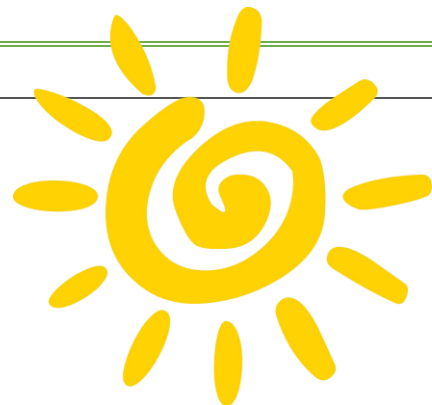


BENSON *Bulletin*

Community Newsletter
Benson, VT

JULY | AUGUST 2026



Hello everyone!

THANK YOU for reading the Benson Bulletin.

We are now offering an email COLOR version of the Benson Bulletin.

We realize a lot of folks in town either don't "do" email, or don't have a good internet connection, but the goal is to reduce the size of the mailing (and therefore the cost to the town of printing and postage).

We want everyone who wants one, to get one, whether through email or regular mail.

If you would like to receive the Benson Bulletin in your email going forward send an email to benzonnews@shoreham.net.

Those names not submitted for an email version will remain on the mailing list and continue to receive the paper version.

There is a Benson Bulletin page on the website. Each edition is archived there. If you don't want email, and you don't want it mailed, you can still access it through the website. You can call the Town Office if you want your name removed entirely.

BENSON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Tuesday 10 am to 1 pm
Wednesday 4 pm to 7 pm
Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

Every 2nd Monday (Senior Lunch) 10:30 am to 1:30 pm



Follow us on Facebook: [Benson Vermont Public Library](#)

Please welcome Karina Jutzi, our new Librarian!

Kids: Participate in our Summer Reading Challenge for Children and Teens!

Also, watch for our August Neighbor to Neighbor on the Green Mountain Boys

Visit [Benson Vermont Public Library on Facebook](#) for book updates!

OFFICIAL BENSON WEBSITE – bensonvermont.gov

Community Wifi has come to Benson!

The new wifi is hooked up and operational at the Town Offices and the Town Garage. You can now access the public wifi if you are close to the Town Offices, and the community network is now available at the Library also. The wifi name is **BENSON** and the wifi password is **BensonStrong**.

Town of Benson Phone Number

802-456-4094

Town Office Ext 1 • Highway Ext 2 • Library Ext 3
Listers/Zoning Ext 4 • Fax Ext 7



BENSON VILLAGE SCHOOL - Go BEARS!

Benson Village School **GO BEARS!**

SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER!!!!!!!!!!!!!! What another amazing year of learning, laughing, and growing for our Benson BEARS!

We hope everyone is enjoying all the wonderful outdoor activities that surround us! Please feel free to visit the school playground and walking trail while you are out and about!

The BVS Teaching Staff line-up has some new faces to welcome!

Kindergarten/1st - Ms. Ackert

STEAM/Art - Mrs. Parrott

2nd - Ms. Godette

PE/Health - Ms. Knockenhauer

3rd - Mrs. Link

Library - Mrs. Nadler

4-5-6 - ELA/Science/SS - Mrs. Miller

Band/Music - Mrs. Hutchins

4-5-6 - Math/Science/SS - Mrs. Schuyler

Instructional Assistants - Mrs. Howard & Mrs. Andronaco

BVS Administrative Assistant - Mrs. St Peter

School Nurse - Mrs. Stockwell



Our Back-To-School visit is planned for Monday, August 24th, from 3:30 - 5 pm. This will be a very informal event as staff will not be working on classroom spaces until Tuesday, but we welcome families to stop by and say "Hello!" and pick up their child(ren's) beginning-of-school paperwork packet. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 26th. For the 9th year in a row, families will only need to provide a water bottle and a backpack for students. If you are in need of assistance for backpacks, please email Mrs. Roy. The school will provide all other learning materials.

If you have a child(ren) who need to be registered for the upcoming school year, please call the school or email amy.roy@svuvt.org. Bussing routes are still in draft form but will be solidified by August. There have been some changes to keep student ride times as short and safe as possible.

I will be in over the summer, but am often not near the office phone, so please email or call ahead if you need in-person assistance for anything! Have a wonderful summer vacation!

We appreciate our community and thank you for your continued support!

Amy Roy M.Ed.

Principal, Benson Village School

Work Hard. Have Fun. Be Nice. Please visit our website: <http://benison.svuvt.org> and check out our [Facebook](#) page!

BENSON READING GROUP

The reading group will meet at the library on July 15 to discuss ***The Dutch House*** by Ann Patchett. Cyril Conroy combines luck and a single canny investment to begin a real estate empire, propelling his family from poverty to enormous wealth. His first order of business is to buy the Dutch House, a lavish estate outside of Philadelphia. Meant as a surprise for his wife, the house sets in motion the undoing of everyone he loves. Cyril's son Danny and his older sister Maeve are exiled from the house where they grew up by their stepmother.

The reading group will meet at the library on August 19 to discuss ***The Four Winds*** by Kristin Hannah. Texas, 1921. For Elsa Wolcott, deemed too old to marry in a time when marriage is a woman's only option, the future seems bleak, until she meets Rafe Martinelli and decides to change the direction of her life. With her reputation in ruin, there is only one respectable choice: marriage to a man she barely knows. By 1934, the world has changed; millions are out of work and drought has devastated the Great Plains. Everything on their farm is dying, including Elsa's tenuous marriage.

Copies of the books are available in the library. You are welcome to join us for an interesting discussion.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

- 3 Town Offices Closed (Independence Day)
- 6 Select Board Meeting 5 pm
- 13 Senior Lunch 12 noon
- 15 Reading Group (Benson Library) 4 pm
- 20 Select Board Meeting 5 pm



AUGUST

- 2 Benson Family Day 11 am
- 3 Select Board Meeting 5 pm
- 10 Senior Lunch 12 noon
- 17 Select Board Meeting 5 pm
- 19 Reading Group (Benson Library) 4 pm
- 31 Select Board Meeting 5 pm



SENIOR LUNCH

The traditional Senior Lunch will be on July 13th and August 10th at 12 noon. It's held in the Community Hall first floor. The cost for seniors, those over 60 years of age, is \$3.50 but families and friends under 60 are welcome for \$4.00. Please reach out to Marcia Anderson to make reservations by the Friday before at 802-537-2313.



Doug Hathaway
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Bone Builders

The primary goals of the program are to empower older men and women to reduce osteoporosis risk through proper exercise and nutrition and to maintain their independence and quality of life. Resistance training can provide innumerable benefits to your health and help make everyday activities easier, such as picking up your groceries, doing yard work, and stepping out of bed without straining your back. It can also reduce disease risk, improve mental health and give you more balance and stability. For these reasons, you should consider adding resistance training to your routine.

We meet on Monday and Thursday downstairs in the community hall from 9:00 to 10:00. The program is free and weights are provided.

If you wish to join our group, call 802-537-3021.

Thank You from Benson Youth Baseball

A Great baseball season was had by all!!!!

We had players on every team and new this year we had a pre-k team of 3/4 year olds. There was lots of interest and even more participation as the season went on. Thank you to all the parents for running kids to practice and games.

Thank you to the volunteers who spent their time coaching. Last but not least, thank you to everyone who supports our youth!



Pop-Up Farmer's Market

The Benson Village Trust is sponsoring A weekly farmer's market every Saturday from 10-12 at the site of the future Benson Village Store (corner of Lake and Stage Roads).



Each week, local farms will provide fresh produce and also baked goods. All proceeds will directly benefit the rebuilding of the store!

Stop by for fresh goodies and say hi!!

TEMPORARY CLOSING

Due to the MERP Grant Energy Improvements, the Benson Museum will be closed temporarily, effective immediately, for packing up and storing items until the energy improvements are completed at the town office. The Public will be made aware as soon as construction is complete and the museum is set back up. Thank you for your cooperation.



Jeanne Bartholomew Realty

East Road Benson

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- **Benson** New Listing Lake Champlain – 9 acres of open and wooded land with wonderful long range lake views ... not on the water, but close to Benson Landing. Owner has a rough cut driveway and preliminary soil tests in place. Long road frontage and lots of privacy. Offered for \$150,000.
- **Benson** Village home with nice level lot and outbuilding. This older home has had many upgrades, including new plumbing, heating, wiring, new roof and more! There is a great garden area that produces plenty of vegetables. Home was formerly a 3 bedroom but reduced to 2 bedroom with renovations. Plenty of room to build on. Offered for \$175,000.
- **Benson** 2.5 acre mostly open unimproved lot with dirt road frontage. Ideal spot for your camper and family get-togethers – keep it rustic or possibly build a home. Nice level lot with trees bordering. Offered for \$35,000.
- **Benson** Perch Pond Improved lot with new power hub, septic with leachfield, docking system, new platform, great swimming, private beachfront. All set for your camper or possibly a seasonal tiny house. Offered for \$130,000.
- **Benson** 97 acres of woodland with marketable timber. Property is very private and located on a town dirt road outside the Village. Call for further info.
- **Hubbardton** 23 acres with a 70 ft. poured concrete slab. Located on Camp Road in Hubbardton. This lot can be subdivided into 2 lots. Lot comes with beach rights to nice swimming at Lake Hortonia, lots of possibilities. \$189,900.

Other land parcels and listings available.
Let me know what you are looking for!!

*Thank you everyone for your business and continued support.
A safe and Happy July 4th and a fun-filled summer to all!.*

Give Jeanne a call for a “no-obligation”
confidential chat about any of your
real estate needs!

BENSON

6AM - 8PM Mon - Fri

8AM - 8PM Sat & Sun



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8am to 9pm

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C'mon Over. 'Wheel' be happy to see you!!



The Benson Village Trust Board of Directors has been working closely with our Project Manager, Architect and Construction Management firm to finalize the building design for the Benson Village Store and move into the ‘contractor bidding phase’ of the project. Construction costs have increased since we initiated the project to rebuild the store over two years ago and our team has been looking

closely at value engineering opportunities as we aim to break ground later this year. Our Fundraising Committee is hard at work on raising additional funds to support the project. In addition to monetary donations, we would be very grateful for local 'in kind donations' of construction and related services from the talented craftsmen, builders and others in our community who might wish to support the project. If you're interested in making an in-kind donation, please contact Jean McKeever at jmckeever2@icloud.com.

The Benson Village Trust has some exciting community events planned for this summer!

- Our Saturday Summer Pop-Up Market is back in full swing, every Saturday morning, 10am-noon at the corner of Lake and Stage Roads. Stop by and pick up some veggies and baked treats!
- July 3rd: Benson Celebration! Come join us for ice cream, cookies and more!
- August 2nd: We're making plans for Benson Family Day Parade!
- August 28th: BVT event at the Cobble Knoll Apple Orchard in Benson
- Stay tuned for another event in September!

We're getting ready to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Store Operator in the near future. In the meantime, if you're interested in

this role, reach out
to us at info@bensonvillagetrust.org.
Remember: Follow us on [Facebook](#),
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OF JULY**
Celebration

FRIDAY **03** JULY

6-8 PM

Join us as we celebrate the 250th Birthday of the United States of America!! We will have ice cream, lemonade, and cheerful conversations as we

Honor the Past and Celebrate the Future

Meet us at the Corner of Lake and Stage Road from 6-8 pm

NOTICE TO VOTERS

A statewide primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 to select Republican, Democratic, and Progressive Party candidates for the following offices:

U.S. Representative
Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General

State Treasurer
Secretary of State
Auditor of Accounts
U.S. Senator

State Senator(s)
State Representative
High Bailiff



The State will NOT be automatically mailing ballots to all voters. If you'd like to vote by mail you must submit a request to the Town Clerk's office. If you chose to vote by mail for the Primary, here's a couple things to keep in mind:

- Each voter is mailed ballots for all three parties but you are only allowed to vote one ballot. The two ballots you don't use must be returned in the "Unvoted Ballots" envelope or your vote can't be counted.
- Ballots must be received (not just postmarked) by the close of the polls at 7pm on August 11th. You can return your ballot by mail or drop it in the secure drop box you'll see at the corner of the Town Office building. We'll be checking it daily, and several times during the day on Election Day.

In addition to asking for a ballot to be mailed to you, you can cast your vote by:

- Voting at the Town Office up until 3pm on Monday, August 10th. The office is open Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri from 9am to 3pm and Wednesday 3-7pm, and there is a handicapped entrance at the rear.
- Voting in person at the Benson Community Hall on August 11th. Polls will be open 10am-7pm.

Heidi Chandler, Clerk/Treasurer Town Office Hours: Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri 9AM – 3PM Wednesday 3 – 7PM
802-456-4094 Ext 1 email: benzonclerk@myottmail.com

Advertising in the Benson Bulletin: If you are a Benson business owner and have an interest in advertising in the Bulletin (6 editions per year), please call the Town Office for information and we'll get you on board!

2026 BENSON SCHOLARSHIPS

Benson Community Scholarship

In recognition of the fact that small rural communities thrive most effectively when citizens are involved, the Town of Benson votes to honor a qualifying senior who has made a significant contribution to our community with a \$1000 scholarship. This year the winner of the Benson Community Scholarship was Olivia Paige, daughter of Stacey Guyette and David Hanson.



Eaves Memorial Scholarship

Funded by a private donation, this scholarship awards \$1000 grants to two young women from Benson who are planning to pursue further education. The scholarships went to Megan Wetmore daughter of Matthew Wetmore and Rebecca Murray and Savanna Wilkinson, daughter of Ashlee Couillard. Congratulations to all of the Benson eighth-graders and FHUHS seniors (and their families)! *Best of luck to you all in achieving your goals for the future.*

Benson Roads

With the help of Vtrans, the Benson Highway Dept was able to secure a grant for \$24,000 to ditch and slope off both sides of Coates Hill while adding stone to slow down the kinetic energy of water, adding a 24"x60 ft section of culvert. This is now redirecting water across the road to be filtered through a field and eventually reaching a pond. Projects like these help keep our roadways more stable and allow the water to leave the roadway, so that it doesn't deteriorate the road surface. We hope to continue these types of projects to help improve our roadway infrastructure.





Slate Valley Cares Summer Update

We have been working hard at Slate Valley Cares! We have restarted our monthly Drive-Thru Meals, which take place on the second Saturday of each month through October from 12:00–3:00 PM in front of the Fair Haven Congregational Church. These meals have become a wonderful way to bring our community together while helping support the ongoing operations of Slate Valley Cares. New menu every month — don't miss out! You can even pre-order to reserve meal(s) ahead of time on our website:

<https://www.slatevalleycares.org/events/drive-thru-meal>



One of our biggest projects this year was the purchase of a van. Some may ask, "Why did we need a van? What's the point?" The answer is simple: transportation is essential to our mission. The van allows us to pick up food donations from local stores and food rescue partners, deliver food to community members who cannot get to our pantry, transport supplies for special events, and expand our outreach throughout the Slate Valley region.

Having a dedicated vehicle means we can serve more people efficiently, safely, and reliably. It helps reduce the burden on volunteers who have been using their personal vehicles and gives us the ability to respond more quickly to community needs. The van is not just a vehicle—it is a tool that helps us put food on tables,

connect with our neighbors, and continue our mission of serving our community with dignity and compassion.

We are grateful to everyone whose support made this purchase possible and look forward to putting many miles on the van in service to our community.

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- ** 50 paid leave days per year
- ** Monthly in-service trainings

Requirements:

- ** 10 hours per week minimum
- ** Must be at least 55 years of age

** Must meet income eligibility (No more than \$2660 per month for one person household, \$3606 for two person household)

** No education or experience requirements

Contact: Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program
Call our office for more information at 802-468-7056.

If you enjoy being around children, have lots of patience, and the willingness to give and get hugs, give us a call!

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MEDIEVAL MAGIC!

Benson Family Day



Sunday, August 2, 2026

Rain or Shine

We invite you to be a part of Benson Burdock Festival & Family Day where all in the kingdom will be coming together for the festival! Join Benson's Medieval Magic themed family day!

This day is open to everyone and anyone, you do not have to be from Benson to participate!

Come celebrate with us! Bring yourself, bring your friends, bring your friends' friends!

Benson Family Day is upon us! Come on out and celebrate the community! You can start your day off with a little shopping at our farmers market while listening to music provided by Bill Moore Music. Vendors will be up and running by 10 a.m. If you are interested in being a part of the market, contact Sue Brown at 802-537-4474.

The parade line up begins at 10:00 with kick off at 11:00. Do you have what it takes to be the best there is? There will be prize money for the top 3 floats. In remembrance of our own beloved Dr. Nancy, we will honor her with the pet section. Bring your best show animals, whether it be equine, bovine, feline or any other animal to compete for trophies. Got an old car? What about a race car? Or how about a tractor? There are trophies for those as well!

Our own Benson Fire Department will once again be putting on their superb BBQ! What knight or damsel does not like the good fare of BBQ?!?!?

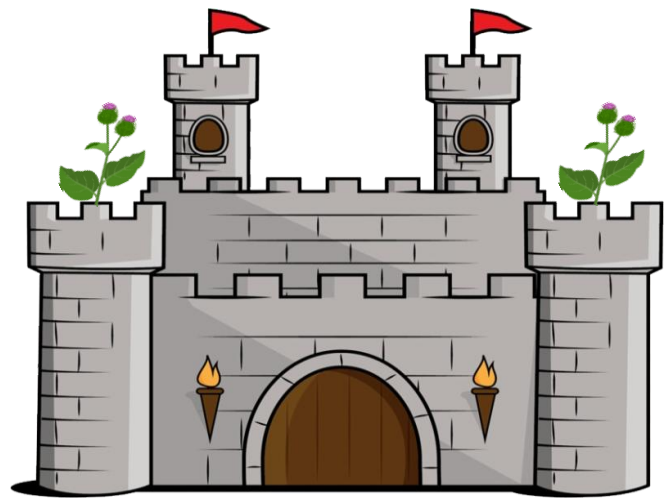
Back by popular demand this year will be the sawdust pile. Come dig for the hidden treasure. There will be two different age group digs, 12:30 - 12:45 will be for our littlest people, ages 2-5. At 12:50, our older commoners, ages 6-10 will be able to dig for their medieval treasure.

Benson United Church will be holding their annual tag sale from 9:00 - 1:00, along with a hymn sing at 10:00. [The Benson Library](#) will be holding their annual book sale... be sure to check their facebook page for more information!

And let's not forget the Burdocks! You can enter all 3 categories or just one. The categories consist of tallest, theme related and most creative. Burdocks entries must be brought to the front of the town offices no later than 9:30

Ongoing all day will be the selfie photo booth, the big air bounce house, mechanical bull, t-shirt sales, door prizes (must visit the t-shirt booth to get a ticket), cotton candy, popcorn, music and vendor sales.

For any questions or inquiries, contact Sue Brown at 537-4474 or by email at redwolf363@aol.com



Benson's Revelry & Merry Making Dance

We are starting Benson Family Day weekend off with some Medieval Magic dancing!!

Come on out and get in the mood with a "block" dance to be held on the town lawn!

Music will be provided by Bill Moore of Pittsford.

Concession food will be available to purchase. The music will begin at 6:00 and go through 10:00. Please follow us on facebook at [Benson Burdock Festival & Family Day](#) for more information!

The Seed Library Corner

Seed saving starts now! Here's how:

- Wait for seed pods to turn completely brown and brittle on the plant and begin to rattle.
- Collect the dried pods, shake out the mature seeds into a paper envelope. Label your envelope; plant name, variety and year saved.
- Store in a cool, dry location or the refrigerator, to maintain their viability for next year.

Try saving some of these:

- Oriental Poppies, Columbine, Coreopsis, Hellebores, Violas....to name a few.
~keep an eye out around your gardens and land for other plants making seeds~
 - If your leafy greens are bolting, let them flower and go to seed!
~the bees will love you even more~

Stop by the library for more free resources:

- Seed Saving Tips & Techniques Guide - take a free copy home~
- Browse our Borrower's Binder on the seed desk to take photos or notes~
- Check out a gardening or seed book from the display near the computer~
 - Pick up more free seeds while you're there!

~we have lots of veggies, herbs and flower seeds that can be planted throughout the growing season, great for succession plantings and temperature specific crops~

